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SUBJ: TWO AP CORRESPONDENTS, ONE REUTERS BRIEFLY DETAINED

1. TWO AP AND ONE REUTERS CORRESPONDENTS DETAINED IN MILITIA BUS ABOUT 10 MINUTES MAR. 1 AFTER 1000 HOURS NEAR CPSU HEADQUARTERS WHILE ATTEMPTING TO COVER ANTICIPATED PRESENTATION OF PETITION FOR EXIT VISAS BY UP TO 70 JEWS. ACTUAL NUMBER WAS SEVEN PETITIONERS, WITH MORE THAN HUNDRED MILITIA AND PLAINSCLOTHESMEN IN AREA.

2. ROGER LEDDINGTON, STEPHENS BROENING AND RICHARD WALLIS OF REUTERS WERE INVITED INTO BUS FOR QTE DISCUSSION UNQTE BY UNIFORMED COLONEL AT INSTRUCTIONS OF PLAINSCLOTHESMAN WHO ONLY IDENTIFIED SELF, QTE I AM

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POWER (SILA). UNQTE ORDER TO DRIVE TO MILITIA STATION THEN COUNTERMANDED AND CORRESPONDENTS RELEASED. THEY LEFT SCENE ON OWN AFTER SEEING PETITIPNERS KNOCK ON ALLYE DOOR OF CPSU HEADQUARTERS, BEFORE BEING LED AWAY WITHOUT FORCE.

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BROENING REPORTS HE AND OTHERS, INCLUDING TWO UPI

CORRESPONDENTS AND ONE AFP, WERE VICIOUSLY INSULTED  
AND ONE PLAINCLOTHESMAN SWUNG HARD AT LEDDINGTON BUT  
MISSED WHEN HE DUCKED PUNCH.

3. EMBASSY, ON LEARNING OF INCIDENT FROM AP, IMMEDIATELY CALLED MFA PRESS SECTION AND CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION AND WERE ON POINT OF DRIVING TO SCENE WHEN INFORMED OF CORRESPONDENTS' RELEASE. CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION FIRST SECRETARY N.S. NECHAYEV CALLED BACK LATER TO DENY INCIDENT TOOK PLACE. AP SENT MFA WRITTEN PROTEST OF "UNWARRANTED DETENTION" AND INTERFERENCE WITH NORMAL JOURNALISTIC DUTIES. EMBASSY LODGED SIMILAR PROTEST BY PHONE TO MFA PRESS SECTION. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO BRING OUR ORAL PROTEST TO ATTENTION OF SOVIET EMBASSY AT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.  
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